

[Translation]

Electronic Telephone Exchanges in Sitamarhi District of Bihar

5069. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:
Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set
up C-DOT electronic telephone exchanges
at Saidpur, Sonvarsa, Sursand, Parihar and
Nanpur of Sitamarhi district and at Aurai
Muzaffarpur district in Bihar; and

(b) if so, when and, if not, the reasons
therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI
P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) SITAMARHI DISTRICT:-

Saidpur: 128 Port C-DOT RAX
(Electronic Exchange) is
already working since
9.2.1991.

Sonvarsa) 128 Port C-DOT RAXs

Sursand) (Electronic Exchanges)
are planned to be set up
during

Parihar) the current Five Years
plan.

Nanpur: There is no exchange at
Nanpur at present. New
telephone exchange will
be planned on getting a
minimum requisite de-
mand.

MUZAFFARPUR DISTRICT:-

Aurai:- 128 Port C-DOT RAX

(Electronic Exchange) is
planned to be set up dur-
ing 1991-95.

Deployment of Army on Civil Purposes

5070. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT;
SHRI MUKUL BAL KRISHNA
WASNIK:

SHRI BHAGEY
GOBARDHAN:
SHRI YASHWANTRAO PA-
TIL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) the number of times Army was de-
ployed for civil purposes during each of the
last three years and the expenditure in-
curred thereon;

(b) the details of the casualties suffered
by the Army during such development;

(c) the main reasons for the increasing
tendency to deploy army for civil purposes;
and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in the
matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS-
TRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M.
JACOB): (a) to (d). Information is being
collected and will be laid on the Table of the
House.

[English]

Passengers Burnt to Death in Kakatiya Express

5072. SHRIDATTATRAYA BANDARU:
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the persons responsible for burning 45 passengers to death in Kakatiya Express near Hyderabad last year have been identified; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime on the railways is the responsibility of the Government Railway Police which functions under the control of the State Governments/ Union Territory administrations. Action to register, investigate and detect the crime under reference is to be taken by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

[Translation]

Subsidy on Pesticides

5073. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to continue the subsidy on pesticides;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to allow free distribution of pesticides among the farmers to check the pest attack on pulses and oil seeds crops; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). the Government is currently giving subsidy to farmers on pesticides under the

following programmes viz.:

- (i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the Control of Pests and Diseases of Agricultural Importance;
- (ii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Oilseeds Production Programme;
- (iii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme on National Pulses Development Programme;
- (iv) Special Foodgrain Production Programme (Pulses);
- (v) Integrated Programme for Rice Development;
- (vi) Special Foodgrain Production Programme (Maize & Millets);
- (vii) Intensive Cotton Development Programme; and
- (viii) Special Jute Development Programme.

Subsidy on Plant Protection under above programmes is given @ 50% of the cost of chemicals subject to certain ceiling limits.

Government propose to continue these programmes for the time being.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of reply to part (c), question does not arise.

[English]

Visit of Sall Team to Middle East Countries

5074. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: